SILVERA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Functioning of AIIMS

6401. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many times the governing body of All India Institute of Medical Sciences have met during the last one year;

(b) who presided over each of these meetings; the details in each case; and

(c) what steps are being taken to streamline the functioning of administration of the Institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) During the last one year the Governing Body of All Inida Institute of Medical Sciences met only once.

(b) The President of the Institute cum Chairman of the Governing Body presided over the meeting.

(c) The administration of the Institute is functioning smoothly.

Implementation of Rural Health Schemes

6402. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the centrally sponsored schemes pertaining to the rural health services are being reviewed from time to time;

(b) if so, the details of the latest review made in the matter;

(c) the performance of each State Government in the implementation of rural health services during the Eighth Five Year Plan so far; and

(d) the scheme-wise details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Rural Health schemes are reviewed on various fora including the meetings of the Health Secretaries of the States. An exhaustive review of the rural health services in the country was undertaken in the National Reivew Meeting in July, 1994, attended by State Health Directors. The general consensus in the meeting was that there was satisfactory performance in eastablishment of Sub-Centres and Primary Health Centres as per the national norms in majority of the States. Maching number of Community Health Centres are, however, being established in a phased manner. The States were of the opinion that backlog of construction of buildings for SCs and PHCs should be completed and funds for the same may be made available to the State Governments. It was further felt that the funds provided under the Minimum Needs Programme should be fully utilised and due importance should be given to hilly, backward and tribal areas for setting up of adequate rural health in frastructure.

Incidence of Iodine Deficiency Disease

6403. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been a high incidence of iodine daficiancy disease in the country;

(b) if so, the States where such incidents are taking place on a large scale;

(c) the steps taken to control such disease; and

(d) the details of the national programmes implemented therefor?